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THE MANCHU IMPERIAL
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Peking, Feb. 19.

In order to avoid all questions with regard to the position which she had to take in respect of the opening of the National Assembly in April next, the Empress Dowager Lung Yu has resolved to go with the young Emperor Hsuan Tung in March to the Summer Palace for some time. She will be accompanied by Prince Pu Lan, whose ten year old son Yu Chung is being educated with the Emperor, by the late Grand Secretary Shih Hsi, the teachers of the Emperor and a small retinue. The north-eastern part of the Winter Palace, including the Chanchungkung, will be reserved for the time being for the Court, and will be used as a residence by Li Kuei-fai, formerly concubine of the Emperor Kuang Hsi, and the three concubines of the Emperor Tung Chi.

The Ministry of Communications has ordered the Chinese Telegraph Administration to send a Commission to Tsingtau to study the system of wireless telegraphy there and to report to the Ministry. Hsi Shih-chang, late Grand Secretary, has come here on the invitation of President Yuan Shikai. — *Granatistischer Lloyd.*

OBITUARY.

DET. INSP. JOHNSON.

A telegram was received in Shanghai on Feb. 19, says the N. C. Daily News containing the news that Det. Insp. J. B. Johnson, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, had committed suicide. The deceased, who had been granted four months' sick leave from the Force, was on a voyage to Seattle by the N.Y.K. Inaba Maru, and the painful news of his death was telegraphed from Japan.

Det. Insp. John, who was a Scandinavian, joined the Municipal Police between fourteen and fifteen years ago, and his career had been most successful. A few weeks ago he had been taken ill, and it was hoped that the trip to America would have restored him to his former state of robust health.

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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 11.45 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, 6th March, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1912, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th inst. to the 5th prox., both dates inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 20, 1913.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 6th March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1912.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th February, to 5th March inclusive.

W. S. BROWN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 21, 1913.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 6th March, 1913, at 4 o'clock P.M., in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, CITY HALL, for the following purposes:

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1912.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

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7.15 P.M. PICTURES ONLY 7.15 P.M.

THE HOLIDAYS.

It will be seen from our advertising columns that the Race Holidays have been altered to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the 26th, 27th and 28th instant. In connection with this change, the Jockey Club has given notice that the Races fixed for to-day are postponed and all Jockey Club arrangements made for to-day will hold good for to-morrow.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

On the back page of this issue will be found some interesting news items.

The German cruiser "Scharnhorst" and "Goeben" sailed from Hongkong yesterday.

An Indian washman was found so drunk at Hung Hom yesterday that he had to be taken to hospital by the police.

We are asked to state that during Race days booking for the Dallas Comedy Company will be open at the Hongkong Hotel.

All the warships in harbour half-masted their flags yesterday as a mark of respect to the anniversary of the late Dowager Empress of China.

A Chinese was knocked down by a tram-car in Des Voeux Road yesterday evening, and received such injuries as necessitated his removal to hospital.

Mr. A. de la Tour, of the Compagnie de Messageries Maritimes, was entertained at a farewell dinner on the s.s. Charles Hardouin. Most of the French residents of the Colony were present.

A man who is stated to be a native of Heng Shan, Macao, committed suicide by jumping from the third floor window of No. 50 Connaught Road Central into the road of the premises. He was 25 years old.

A Chinese girl aged 15 was knocked down by a motor car owned by Mr. Knox, of Pokfulam, as she was running across the road. The car was stopped and every assistance possible was given. The girl was taken to hospital in the car.

A burglary has occurred at the residence of Mr. J. Owen Hughes, No. 3 Morrison Hill. This thief apparently entered the house by climbing a wire pipe to the verandah, an open window giving access to Mrs. Owen Hughes' bedroom, from which jewellery valued at \$350 was stolen.

To-night a paper is to be read to the members of the Y.M.C.A. Literary Society on Browning's "Rabbi Ben Ezra" to be followed by open discussion. A suggestion has been made that all who attend should hand in to the chairman a slip of paper giving the name of some work or works with which they have a particular desire to become better acquainted.

In the Summary Court this morning the Wai Ling firm sued the Tai Shing firm and Yan Shi Leung to recover \$81.17, balance due for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Sutherland Ross represented plaintiff and Mr. Lewis the second defendant. Mr. Ross said the claim was against the woman as partner or proprietor of the firm. There was an account between the plaintiff and the woman for some time and when application was made for the money due she said, her son, who had recently died, was the proprietor of the firm and she was not liable. Evidence having been given on both sides, Mr. Justice Gompertz gave a verdict for the defendant.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir William and Lady Ross Davies returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Manchurian from the Philippines where they have been staying as the guests of H. E. The Governor General at his hill residence at Baguio.

It is understood that Dr. Tenney, U. S. Consul at Nanking, will leave for home during March. Latterly Mrs. Tenney has been in ill health, and it is rumoured that Dr. Tenney may decide not to return to China.

The funeral of Mr. H. Luther, for many years Secretary of the Club G. R. mania, Yokohama, took place on the 11th instant and was one of the largest funerals witnessed in Yokohama for some years. Mr. F. Thiel, the new Consul-General, the Consul Staff, and practically the whole German community attended, says the "Japan Gazette," while there were also present residents of other nationalities.

MILITARY CONCERT.

A concert was held in Lyceum Barracks on Saturday evening. O. S. M. Rae, 33rd Coy., R.G.A., presiding over a large and varied programme was submitted. Sgt. Allen, R.N.Y. Police, delighted the audience with "Wallah, Wallah," and "The Old Tin Can." Captain Robertson, A.O.D., with "Little by little and bit by bit" and the "Fireman" was very popular, as was also Sgt. Turner, Palmer, R.G.A., with "I'll stick to my ship" and "Anyone here soon today." A sketch entitled "The Oyster and the Duff" was well received. Br. Bowen and Gagners, Terry, Burdett, & Turner performing their parts very creditably. Terry Miller contributed a "Stop Dance" and Gagners, Smart, Anson, Burdett, Terry, Rogers, Sgt. Edwards, Opt. Doe and Mr. Crane all sang with considerable merit, while Miss Brown, deserves a special word of praise as accompanist. She performed very efficiently.

ALLEGED FRAUDS ON MESSRS. ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

LARGE SUMS INVOLVED.

At the Magistrate's court this morning before Mr. Haselard, Wilhelm Auermann, aged thirty, a native of Dusseldorf, and a clerk in the employ of Messrs. Arnold, Karberg and Coy., appeared on charges of fraud and forgery. The first charge was for on January 4th forging a Bill of Exchange for the sum of \$2,000 purporting to have been drawn by Arnold, Karberg and Company on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, payable to Kwai Sang with intent to defraud. The second charge was for "offering, uttering, disposing of, and putting off" the Bill of Exchange, knowing it to have been forged.

There were other charges added on the application of Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted. Those dealt with forgery and fraud, the amounts mentioned being \$2,000, and \$3,300. There were also further charges of making false entries in the books on Jan. 10th and Feb. 4th. On the first date it was alleged that he had entered \$28,790.70, as having been paid, whereas only \$28,790.70 had been paid. The other was a charge of entering \$17,748.05 as having been paid, whereas the amount received was only \$13,748.05. Defendant pleaded not guilty to all charges. He was arrested in Manila, and was brought back yesterday.

Defendant applied for bail. Mr. Hodgson said he would not object to bail of \$5,000.

Defendant—Would you accept \$4,000? Mr. Haselard said he would formally remand the case until March 5th, and would hear the evidence on March 7th. Bail would be accepted in the sum of \$5,000.

THE DALLAS COMEDY COMPANY.

"The Glad Eye."

This was the play with which the Dallas Comedy Company opened their season at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening to an audience that filled the entire theatre, every seat being occupied and at least two hundred people, it was computed, being turned away, it being impossible to find accommodation for them. H.E. The Governor and Lady Mayo were present.

I am not sure whether the magnetic attraction was the play with its whimsical and prettily suggestive title, which most people know has met with much success in London—it having, as a matter of fact, been played at least fully a year night after night—or whether it was the knowledge that so clever a comedian as Mr. Dallas was sure to provide a delightful entertainment. Probably both contributed. The play is well-described as a farcical comedy, for it is certainly farcical in the extreme and, when too much is not expected, it is amusing too. It is a farce practically from beginning to end—and French farce too—it being adapted from the French play entitled "Le Zéphir"—than which nothing can be more farcical when it is of good quality and well performed.

And now for the play. It deals almost entirely with the complications that result in consequence of the clandestine trips to Paris of two young, scatter-brained benedictine who, when the play opens, are living in tedious luxury with their wives in a castle in the country, owned and occupied by the eccentric father of one of the wives. One of the young husbands takes little trouble to hide his amours, but the other excuses his frequent absence on the ground of his interest in ballooning. Of course, the opportunity soon presents itself soon after Mr. Dallas is introduced to the occupants of the chateau for a "ballooning trip." The sequel is complicated in true French fashion, and farcical with a vengeance. Such a plot requires very clever acting to make it acceptable and to prevent it from degenerating into pantomime, and it was really more to the credit of the players than the play that the entertainment was so successful. Mr. Henry Dallas, as Gaston Bonard and Mr. Robert R. Ashby as Maurice Polignac had very "heavy" parts in this very light play, and really acquitted themselves admirably. Miss Amy Hallatt, as the "knowing little wife" and Miss Geraldine Le Sage as "the trustful little wife" were likewise exceedingly clever, particularly the former, who had more scope. She of the "glad eye" "kiki"—a saucy little mix of the "smart" Parisian shop-girl type was neatly played by Miss Nell Compton, whose talents were by no means sent to advantage in such a trivial part. As M. Gaudipoux, an eccentric old gentleman deeply interested in occult science, Mr. Geoffrey Guise was very satisfactory, though his make up was rather defective he being rather "youthful" for so "old" a man. Mr. Alfred S. Barber was eminently successful as the French gullible, M. Floquet. Mr. J. W. Austin, as Chausotte, a waiter converted into a "medium" had a good part, which, on the whole, he made very amusing. The other parts, all comparatively small, were ably performed.

The play was appropriately and prettily staged, and the toilets of the principal ladies were beautifully a la mode.

To-night Mr. J. M. Barrie's successful comedy "What Every Woman Knows" will be staged.

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RAMBLING NOTES.

Wonderful people the Chinese. Wednesday was, according to their calendar, the first day of the rainy season; and let 'twas drizzling, cloudy and generally gloomy within a few hours afterwards. "And could it be otherwise?" I fancy I hear my Chinese friends say, in that quizzical, questioning way of theirs.

Well, I humbly hope it may be otherwise at times, for though rain is very necessary and very good—one may, you know, have too much of a good thing. Besides, it's just a bit eerie even to fancy that our Chinese friends may be infallible even in one matter.

And what about the Race Meeting that was begun to-day and continues till Wednesday, we really can't have rain during that period. So I hope that has been duly considered in the calendar. Like Hamlet's reflections, most it is that it be jotted down, so else the "harpy" men will have more than "something" to say about the matter.

Reference to the Races reminds me that the training is now not only in full swing and in grim earnest, but that the "dark training" is also not being neglected. Many a dark horse has made a race bright as well as gloomy! This was one time a paradox, but perhaps the result of the Champions will give it proof.

At any rate, in the immortal words of the Premier "We'll wait and see." That, by the way, is not at all bad advice to one who is about to put a "bit on."

About racing and other "whorsey" affairs, I could a tale (I mean tale) unfold; but, meantime, instead of giving some infallible tips for the Races—I'll give them next Saturday; perhaps—I'll merely give a hint—it will be sufficient. I hope that a close scrutiny of the advertisements in this and subsequent issues of the "China Mail" may give at least the names of the winners in the "Champions," "Maidens" and a few of the other crack events. This little hint is given absolutely without fear or favour, to all and sundry, etc.—and all that is stipulated is that the lucky winners will merely support local charities with at least a goodly part of their winnings.

Japan, the land of the chrysanthemum and a great many other things, perhaps deserves more than any other land the appellation of the land of "fires and floods." Hardly a month passes but one or more terrible conflagrations are reported from Tokyo, or some other Japanese city. At present our Japanese friends are suffering from another such loss, the report being that no fewer than 1,300 houses have been burned down near the capital and that 15,000 people are homeless.

Owing to the inflammable material of which Japanese houses are constructed it is not surprising that fires in Japan are of an unusually vast extent, and it is even more surprising that with all the appliances of modern science which the Japanese do not build their houses of more substantial. That would appear to be the only remedy, and neither the comparative poverty of the people nor the difficulty—if there is such difficulty—of getting more solid material should be allowed longer to stand in the way of a radical change.

I haven't heard anything more about Mrs. Gaunt since last referring to her in this column—but there's no doubt that she's come to China. Well, we'll wait and see. And she's well worth waiting for, I'm inclined to think, what with her servant and her interpreter, her mosquito curtain and her other down quilt and her medicine chest, to say nothing of her ground sheet, of which I told that one in China has ever heard of before.

It is about getting the vote that we excite ourselves nowadays, while Mrs. Humphry Ward and some others agitate against receiving it. But sobriety demands to have the existing franchise taken away. It has not always been so. We need not go back so far as the times when constituencies tried to get out of the privilege of returning Members to Parliament, because they had to pay the Member. The disfranchisement of returned officers from 1782 to 1868 was due to their own request. In the former year it was estimated that the Government controlled 70 seats through their votes, and Lord North sent them notice that they would suffer if they did not back him. The opposite party gave them a similar warning, and the officials, preferring their livelihood to the franchise, successfully petitioned to be freed from it.

A small community can make fine experiments. Marx laws, although backward in some respects, are in other ways ahead of ours. Every woman, widow or spinster, in the Isle of Man, be she owner, occupier, or lodger, enjoys the Parliamentary franchise. Every widow enjoys half of her husband's personal estate, and has a life interest in his real estate, and also cannot be deprived of this by will. The sale of cigarettes and matches to children was forbidden in Man for years before such a prohibition was enforced in England. We have legislated mildly against money-lenders. The highest interest that can be charged in the Island is 5 per cent., and that has been the law for over 200 years.

RAMBLER.

SPORTING.

League Cricket.

The match between Kowloon C.C. and Hongkong "A," was played on the Hongkong ground last Saturday and resulted in a draw. Score—

HONGKONG "A."			
T. E. Pearce, l.b.w. b. Macaskill	70		
J. S. Lloyd, c. and b. Evans	2		
W. E. Warburton, c. Macaskill, b. Weaver	11		
Lieut. Wace, run out	3		
R. N. Anderson, c. Macaskill, b. Scott	25		
W. C. D. Turner, b. Macaskill	20		
R. C. Elborough not out	17		
A. N. Joseland not out	13		
D. E. Donnelly, b. Macaskill	1		
W. B. Hinde and L. E. Baston	0		
Extras	2		
Total for 6 wks	174		

KOWLOON ANALYSIS.			
Macaskill	19	5	47
Evans	4	1	13
Scott	7	0	26
Weaver	9	0	44
Wood	7	0	33

K.C.C.			
J. P. Robinson, c. and b. Warburton	8		
Eng. Lt. Smith, c. Anderson, b. Warburton	17		
H. S. Rouse, c. Elborough, b. Warburton	6		
J. H. Mead, b. Batson	1		
P. W. A. Wilkie, c. Pearce, b. Anderson	16		
Capt. Wood, c. Pearce, b. Donnelly	4		
B. D. Evans, c. Pearce, b. Anderson	21		
K. R. Macaskill, b. Anderson	0		
A. R. F. Raven, l.b.w. b. Anderson	12		
W. L. Weaver, not out	7		
H. E. Scott, not out	5		
Extras	18		
Total	115		

KOWLOON ANALYSIS.			
Warburton	9	2	20
Batson	14	4	28
Anderson	10	1	41
Donnelly	4	1	8

HONGKONG "B" & CIVIL SERVICE.

The Hongkong "B" team administered a severe defeat to the Civil Service on Saturday. Batting first the B. team made 145, and thanks chiefly to the splendid bowling of R. Hancock, who took six wickets for nine runs in four overs and one ball, the Service were all dismissed for the small total of 49. Scores:—

HONGKONG "B"			
M. M. Maas, b. Hamilton	4		
A. A. Claxton, c. Cox, b. Bird	23		
L. P. Pake, b. Bird	5		
R. Hancock, b. Bird	0		
H. Hancock, c. Wicheh, b. Bird	44		
S. Dodwell, b. Bird	8		
F. L. Fymer, Pearson, c. Jacks, b. Bird	0		
Rogers, b. Wicheh	34		
E. A. Fowler, b. Wicheh	13		
A. O. Lang, l.b.w. b. Wicheh	1		
R. P. Thurstfield, not out	1		
Extras	6		
Total	145		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
Bird	12	3	51
Hamilton	9	0	37
Cox	1	0	12
Reed	4	0	17
Wicheh	5.1	1	22

CIVIL SERVICE.			
W. Poole, b. Dodwell	1		
R. O. Hutchison, c. Fowler b. Dodwell	17		
R. C. Wicheh, c. Pearson b. Maas	6		
H. A. Cox, b. R. Hancock	9		
R. E. O. Bird, b. R. Hancock	4		
A. O. Brown, b. R. Hancock	0		
E. B. Reed, c. Maas b. R. Hancock	0		
E. W. Hamilton, c. Fowler b. R. Hancock	4		
A. Foster, run out	0		
F. Jacks, b. R. Hancock	6		
E. W. Dawson, not out	1		
Extras	1		
Total	49		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
Dodwell	7	2	20
Maas	3	0	20
R. Hancock	4.1	1	9

Friendly.

R.A.M.C. & CHINESE RECREATION CLUB.
Played at Caneway Bay on Saturday.

R.A.M.C.			
Q. M. Davis, c. Un How Fan, b. Ho Wing Kin	18		
Sgt. Warwick, bowled, b. Ho Wing Kin	30		
Sgt. Robin, bowled, b. Ho Wing Kin	0		
Pte. Watson, c. Joln Yew, b. Un How Fan	1		
Un How Fan	0		
Pte. Elbert, c. Un How Fan, b. Un How Fan	0		
Fan	0		
Q. M. Eder, c. Ho Wing Kin, b. Ho Wing Kin	0		
Flann, b. Un How Fan	3		
Sgt. Humphries, c. Wong Po Ki, b. Ho Wing Kin	0		
Wong Po Keung, c. Un How Fan, b. Un How Fan	4		
Evans, run out, b. Ho Wing Kin	2		
Wood, not out	0		
Total	58		

C.R.C.			
Ng Sz Kwong, bowled, b. Watson	1		
John Yew, bowled, b. do	34		
Wei Wing Lok, c. Watson, b. do	2		
Chan Yek Kwong, l.b.w. b. do	0		
Un How Fan, bowled, b. Warwick	15		
Ho Wing Kin, not out, b. Warwick	10		
Ng Sz Yuen, run out, b. Warwick	4		
Ho Wing Chung, bowled, b. Davis	13		
Mok Hing, bowled, b. Davis	1		
Wong Po Ki, c. Warwick, b. Warwick	1		
Mohr, did not bat	8		
Extras	8		
Total	93		

Association Football.

HONGKONG CLUB, V.R.G.A.
These teams met on the Hongkong Club ground on Saturday, in the second round of the Hongkong Challenge Shield.

Teams—Hongkong Club—B. O. Barlow; F. Stalker, J. McCubbin; D. Campbell, R. P. Long, H. I. Jones; D. M. Jarkins, W. Haddy, W. V. Pennell; D. S. Cooper, P. E. Baston.			
V.R.G.A.—Resistor; Colmer; Court; Mullins; Berry; Burp; Poole; Green; Caine; Handle; Woolledge; Referee, Mr. F. W. Saper.			

Crane started for the soldiers, but a dash by Pennell and Baston for the Club was the first attack, and Colmer had to concede a corner which was fruitless. Mullins relieved and passing with Green and Poole looked dangerous, when McCubbin tackled Poole finely and cleared his lines. A long spell of midfield ensued before a centre by Woodbridge was headed in by Crane but Barlow was very safe. A fine run by Larkins from Campbell's pass, forced Court to give a corner but play was quickly at the other end, and Berry put in a long erratic shot when a pass in Green, who was unmarked, might have produced better results. The defenders had most of the play but the guinea of Barlow, Stalker, and McCubbin was fine and Green receiving from Crane tested Barlow with a low shot but Barlow cleared, and Pennell, with Long, put the Club on the offensive. A pass by the centre put Larkins off on a long run but his shot was easily saved. The soldiers forced two corners, crane hooking in nicely from the second but Barlow was not to be beaten easily. A fine tackle by

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TURCO-BALKAN WAR.

TURKS RAISE A LOAN.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Hakkı Pasha, interviewed by Reuter, emphasized that his mission to London was merely semi-official, and declared that the Turks wanted territory in Thrace to make Constantinople, the Sea of Marmora and the Dardanelles secure. The retention of Adrianople was only one of the points on which they insisted. He asked Europe to intervene because peace resulting from direct negotiation between the belligerents was apparently out of the question.

ITALY AND PEACE.

A message from Rome states that the Marquis San Giuliano, in a pronouncement in the Chamber of Deputies, emphasized that all the peoples and Governments had a lofty sentiment of their duty and would not unchain a terrible conflict for inadequate causes.

BULGARIA AND AN INDEMNITY.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia telegraphs that the Ministry of Finance has issued an statement declaring that the payment of an indemnity is an essential condition to the conclusion of peace, but an immediate payment will not be demanded.

TURKEY OPTIMISTIC.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Turkish outlook has improved somewhat, thanks to the success of the Government in raising half-a-million sterling from the sale of certain properties in the neighbourhood of Constantinople. The relief has enabled the Government to pay an outstanding month's salary to all the officials, and more pressing accounts of bakers and other contractors. The military situation has been equally affected by the relief of pecuniary pressure. The question of supplies is now unlikely to cause worry for some weeks. It is stated that the Government has altered its plans of campaign, abandoning the contemplated offensive forward flanking movement, and it is confident of its ability to hold out at Chatalja and Bulair.

CANNONADING AT ADRIANOPLE.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent telegraphs that the cannonading continues at Adrianople.

AEROPLANE CAPTURED.

A Bulgarian aeroplane, piloted by a Russian Lieutenant, descended in the Turkish lines and was captured.

BULGARIANS REPULSED.

A strong force of Bulgarians, advancing from Kadueki, was repulsed after two hours' fighting, simultaneously by other Bulgarian forces advanced upon and occupied the hills of Ibbasani, but Turkish volunteers recaptured them in a night attack.

NEW P. & O. STEAMER.

LONDON, Feb. 23. The new P. & O. steamer Nagoya was launched at Caird's yard, Greenock, on Saturday. She is of 7,000 tons and is intended for the intermediate service between Calcutta and Japan. (London and Japan. Ed. C.M.)

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Scotland beat Ireland at Edinburgh by 29 points to 14.

THE SCOTT FUNDS.

LONDON, Feb. 23. The Scott funds now stand at £30,000.

MORE "TITANIC" ACTIONS.

CLAIMS AMOUNTING TO \$10,000,000.

LONDON, Feb. 23. A message from New York states that a decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals permits relatives of the victims of the Titanic disaster to begin suits for damages immediately. The White Star Company expect that claims aggregating \$10,000,000 will be filed.

THE KING'S SECRETARY.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Lord Knollys is about to retire from his position as private secretary to the King.

THE MEXICAN INSURRECTION.

MORE REVOLT.

LONDON, Feb. 23. It is likely to be some time before Mexico is pacified. The governors of several provinces who are friends and relatives of Madero are raising forces in his interest.

PROTECTING MADERO.

President Huerta explains that he is detaining Madero to secure his safety. He recalls the attacks that were made upon the train in which Ex-President Diaz was travelling when he left Mexico City.

UNITED STATES AND MADERO.

The United States has intimated that they will seriously object to the summary execution of ex-President Madero.

EX-PRESIDENT DIAZ.

It is reported that Ex-President Diaz, who is at present in Egypt, is returning to Mexico.

THE DIAZ METHOD.

President Huerta affirms that he will adopt Diaz methods in governing.

UNITED STATES PRECAUTIONS.

A message from Washington reports that four infantry regiments under Brigadier Smith have been ordered to Galveston, there to be prepared for instant embarkation.

U. S. FORCES INCREASED.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that a detachment of field artillery, engineers, a hospital ambulance and bakery has been ordered to Galveston. This will bring the strength of the force up to 3,500, and it is expected that a cavalry division will also be sent.

UNITED STATES AND THE EXECUTION.

It is stated that the execution of ex-President Madero without due trial will be regarded by the United States as a direct challenge.

A "PUT UP JOB."

LONDON, Feb. 24. According to the telegrams received by the newspapers there is some belief in America that the attempt to rescue Madero was a "put up job," as none of the escort was killed.

THE MILITANT SUFFRAGISTS.

HOME OFFICE AND MRS. PANKHURST.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Mrs. Pankhurst, speaking at Chelsea, reaffirmed her responsibility for the suffragette outrages and declared that she defied the Government. A representative from the Home Office took notes of her speech, which was interrupted, the audience being disorderly.

MILITANT NUISANCE PROBLEM.

Interviews with correspondents and editorials in newspapers discuss the problem of dealing with the "militant nuisance," and suggest that heavy fines be inflicted in addition to imprisonment.

AN INTERESTING PLOT.

It is stated that the authorities have been informed of a plot to kidnap the members of the Cabinet.

100 PRIVATE ACTIONS.

Special precautions are being taken to guard the Oxford boat at Putney for fear of attacks by suffragettes. Nearly 100 private actions for damages for broken windows are pending against Mrs. Pankhurst and other members of the militant union.

HOWLED DOWN.

Mrs. Despard and other militant suffragettes were howled down by the audience at a Suffragette meeting at the Theatre Royal. The police were compelled to protect the women from violence and to clear the hall.

EX-PRESIDENT CASTRO.

LONDON, Feb. 23. Ex-President Castro has proceeded to Cuba from the United States.

MADERO REPORTED SHOT.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

A telegram from New York states that it is reported from Mexico City that ex-President Madero and his companions were shot and killed in an attempt made to rescue them while they were being conveyed from the Palace to a penitentiary. Two of the would-be rescuers also lost their lives.

DEATH OF THE DOWAGER EMPRESS OF CHINA.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

A telegram from Peking states that the Dowager Empress of China died early on Saturday morning after a brief illness, probably owing to appendicitis. A later telegram says that the Dowager Empress for the last few days has had occasional periods of acute illness, and the Government summoned the Emperor's Guardian Dowager on Friday. In the afternoon she became feverish and then delirious. Rumours of suicide were spread owing to the impending transfer of the Imperial family to the Western Palace in order to make room for the Government at the Eastern Palace. The Empress, however, herself suggested the transfer, and the circumstances entirely disprove the allegation of suicide.

[Note:—The deceased, Empress Lung Yu, was the widow of the Manchu Emperor Kung Su. Though not to be compared for ability and greatness with the famous Empress Dowager Tse Hsi, she appeared to be a powerful personality towards the end of the Manchu dynasty's hold of power and it is creditably believed that the Prince Regent's resignation was due to her "policy." The news was received at Government House on Saturday night.—Ed. C.M.]

ASLEEP ON DUTY.

MATE'S CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED.

A Marine Court of Inquiry sat at the Harbour Office this morning to investigate a charge of misconduct against Herbert Porter, supercargo second mate of the British steamer Chun Sang, by the master Capt. J. Mattock. The stipendiary magistrate and Harbour Master, Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., presided, and the members of the Court were Lieut. C. E. Stainer, R.N., Captain F. L. Davidson, master of the s.s. H. Yang, and Mr. W. J. C. Montague, Capt. A. E. W. J. C. Montague, master of the s.s. H. Yang. The latter from the master of the Chun Sang applying for an inquiry to be held was read to the court.

Capt. D. Macfadyen, who had been sworn as a member of the court, started that as Mr. Porter had served with him in the s.s. Jelunga he did not consider it right that he should sit. Capt. Macfadyen's name was therefore removed from the list of members.

Capt. Mattock, master of the Chun Sang, was the first witness called. He stated that on the night of 12th Feb. 1913, while on a voyage from Sandakan to Hongkong, the second mate, who was in charge of the deck, asleep on the second starboard lower deck swing. He sent for the mate, Mr. Smith, and pointed out what he was there for. He made no reply, but got up and went below. Witness put him in the lock and showed it to Porter, who replied: "Very good, Sir." Witness put him off duty.

In answer to Mr. Division Mr. Mattock said he carried three officers—mate, second mate, and supercargo—and they were on three watches. He had no reason to believe that Mr. Porter would be asleep when he went on the bridge; he could be seen by the helmsman.

By Mr. Stainer: To get to where witness found him Mr. Porter would have to climb over the rail of the upper bridge. In answer to Mr. Division Mr. Mattock said that on 12th Feb. at 8 a.m. and Mr. Porter went below at 8 a.m. and kept the watch from 8 till 12 noon. He relieved the mate at 6.30 for dinner till 7 o'clock and then went on duty again at 7 p.m. for the first watch. At 8.30 he was as witness knew Mr. Porter was quite sober.

By Lieut. Stainer: It was not until after this affair that he spoke to the mate about Mr. Porter's sobriety or otherwise.

By Mr. Davidson: There was no excessive work at Sandakan.

The mate, Mr. A. D. Smith, spoke to seeing Mr. Porter asleep. Mr. J. McAlinagh, second mate, said he went on deck at 12 o'clock to take the second watch and seeing the captain on the bridge he asked him where Mr. Porter was. The captain said: "Come and see." Mr. McAlinagh went below and saw Mr. Porter asleep. He said: "The captain said he had been there since 10.30. The captain woke him and asked what he was doing there and he muttered something to the effect that he must have fallen off the rail. Mr. Porter left the bridge and remained off duty until they reached Hongkong.

The finding of the court was as follows: Mr. Porter informed the Court that he believed they left Sandakan at 4 a.m. He did not go to sleep after that as his cabin was near the cook's galley and the Chinese were continually passing and repassing and yelling. He kept his watch from 8 to noon and at 12.30 relieved the mate for lunch. He stayed in his cabin till 6.30 p.m. and did not go to sleep. At 6.30 he relieved the mate till 7 o'clock and went on the bridge again at 7 o'clock. At 10.30 he got a bit sleepy and put one leg on the rail. He then hit his head on the rail and fell back on the mate's head. He did not remember anything more till the captain woke him up.

In answer to one of the Member Mr. Porter explained that the awning was on a level with the bridge and he must have slid gently down, and he did not awaken. We find that the charge against Mr. Herbert Porter of being asleep on duty on the night of 12th February proved. There appears to be no defence. There is no evidence of his having been under the influence of liquor or of his having been overworked. The officers appear to have been deliberately committed. We therefore suspend his certificate as second mate for one year.

THE RACES.

Meeting Postponed One Day.

The following express was issued by Mr. T. F. Hough, Clerk of the Course, this morning:—
The Races fixed to be run to-day are postponed and all Jockey Club arrangements made for to-day will hold good for to-morrow.

All followers of the "Sport of Kings" whom we have asked have stated that they cannot remember the Races having been postponed before; nevertheless we understand that the decision came to by the Stewards was not decided on without due consideration and without cause. One informant told us that the course after the continuous rain from yesterday afternoon to early this morning, was really in such a condition that it was positively dangerous to race on. Another motive, and we understand, of financial reasons, is being considered that owing to the threatening state of the weather the attendance would be sparse.

It was in 1900, we remember, when similar weather prevailed. The Races were not postponed and the Derby, which was then held on the first day, was run in a river of mud. Of the two favourites, "Stratagem" and "Thunderbolt," the former came in third and the latter, a flyer on a dry course, was not placed as all but won a race on the third day after the course had dried. The winner of the Derby that year was "Bulbul," a rank outsider.

As we go to press the sky again looks threatening and as the north-east wind which sprung up this morning has died down, more rain may be expected before to-morrow.

"Ching" asks us to mention that his selections held good, except that "Bruno" should be considered wherever he starts, Capello has a better chance of winning the Foochow Cup, and that if Jambalini comes out in the Professional Cup he may follow the example set by his stable companion, Diabolini, last year. Mr. Vile and Mr. McMichael have arrived from Shanghai, the former by the French Mail and the latter by the s.s. "Linan."

HOME FOOTBALL.

The League Matches.

FIRST DIVISION.

Aston Villa	1	Everton	2
Bolton Wanderers	2	Manchester City	2
Liverpool	2	West Brom. Alb.	1
Manchester U.	2	Sheffield Wed.	0
Middlesbrough	4	Derby County	1
Newcastle United	3	Woolwich Arsenal	1
Sheffield United	3	Bradford City	2
Sunderland	2	Tottenham H.	1
Notts County	3	Blackburn Rovers	1
Oldham Athletic	3	Chelsea	2

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.

Sheffield Wednesday	24	14	6	4	32
Aston Villa	24	11	5	8	30
Bolton Wanderers	24	13	7	4	30
Liverpool	23	10	4	9	23
Oldham Athletic	23	10	4	9	23
Sunderland	24	13	8	3	29
West Bromwich A.	24	11	6	7	29
Manchester United	24	12	7	5	29
Manchester City	24	13	8	3	29
Derby County	23	12	7	4	28
Everton	25	12	10	3	27
Newcastle United	26	10	10	6	26
Blackburn Rovers	24	9	8	7	25
Liverpool	25	10	11	5	25
Sheffield United	25	8	11	6	22
Middlesbrough	22	8	9	5	21
Bradford City	22	6	10	6	18
Tottenham Hotspur	24	6	14	4	16
Chelsea	24	5	15	4	14
Notts County	24	4	15	5	13
Woolwich Arsenal	25	1	18	6	3

SECOND DIVISION.

Fulham	4	Blackpool	2
Glossop	3	Clapton Orient	0
Hull City	2	Lincoln City	0
Leicester Fosse	0	Huddersfield T.	0
Preston North End	5	Bristol City	1
Barrow	4	Bury	3
Bradford	3	Grimsby Town	0
Notts Forest	3	Burnley	3
Birmingham	1	Stockport County	0
Wolverhampton W.	2	Leeds City	2

POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.

Preston North End	24	12	2	10	33
Fulham	24	11	4	9	25
Huddersfield	23	10	6	7	27
Wolverhampton W.	23	8	6	8	26
Barrow	23	11	8	4	26
Lincoln City	22	9	7	6	24
Bradford	24	8	8	5	24
Grimsby Town	23	7	9	2	23
Bristol City	24	8	9	7	23
Clapton Orient	24	8	9	7	23
Huddersfield Town	23	8	9	6	23
Hull City	23	9	10	4	22
Leeds City	23	8	9	6	21
Bury	24	9	12	3	21
Fulham	24	7	12	5	19
Leicester Fosse	24	7	12	5	19
Blackpool	25	5	14	6	16
Stockport County	23	5	13	5	15

The Southern League.

FIRST DIVISION.

Coventry City	2	Watford	1
Exeter City	1	Plymouth Argyle	0
Millwall	0	Gillingham	1
Swindon	1	Reading	1
West Ham United	1	Crystal Palace	0
Bradford	0	Northampton	0
Brighton & Hove	2	Merthyr Town	0
Bristol Rovers	2	Norwich City	1
Portsmouth	2	Southampton	0
Queen's Park R.	1	Stoke	0

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POSITIONS OF THE CLUBS TO DATE.

Queen's Park R.	22	12	3	7	31
Crystal Palace	24	12	6	4	30
Reading	24	13	7	4	30
Coventry City	23	12	8	3	27
Millwall Athletic	24	11	8	5	27
West Ham United	24	11	8	5	27
Exeter City	24	11	8	5	27
Swindon Town	24	10	8	6	26
Plymouth Argyle	21	9	8	6	24
Watford	24	10	10	4	24
Bristol Rovers	23	8	9	6	23
Merthyr Town	23	8	10	5	21
Norwich City	24	8	10	5	21
Portsmouth	23	7	11	5	19
Brentford	23	7	11	5	19
Southampton	23	6	12	5	17
Gillingham	24	6	12	5	17
Stoke	24	6	12	5	17

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